

Veterans Benefits Information Fair held at Menominee Casino Bingo Hotel

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The Veterans Benefits Information Fair came to Keshena Friday, October 29, 2004. The fair was held at the Menominee Casino in the Ada Deer Room.

The Veterans Benefits Information Fair was created to help Veterans fully understand what all benefits they have out there for them. The logo for the fair is a picture of Uncle Sam with letters underneath him saying "I OWE YOU!" Veterans from all over the reservation participated in the fair.

When the Veterans arrived at the Benefit Fair they had to fill out a registration form which reveled their Name, whether or not their service time was during a war, which war, ethnic background, and etc. The Veterans were then circulated around the room to different booths that were set up and designed to help the Veterans learn about various benefits that they could and should take advantage of. There were and still are Veterans out there who never even knew that they had benefits out there and some of the benefits they never even heard of that they should have been given a long time ago.

Various benefits that the Veterans learned about are as follows:

- Establish eligibility for state veterans benefits
- Apply for state and federal benefits

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Annual Lumberjack Breakfast and Natural Forest Products Workshop



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Above-Playing the foot stomping music of the old Menominee Lumber Camps-Lowell "Chopper" Waupoose (middle), Irwin "Wimpy" Waupoose (R) and nephew Dave Turney (L).
(Inset) The Jiggin' Rabbits. Sisters; Tudy (Waupoose) Wilber (L) and Leila "Chips" (Waupoose) Rabideaux (R) Soft shoe to the melody played by their brothers "Chopper" and "Wimpy" Waupoose.

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October 16th was a very frosty morning, not frosty enough though to keep a lot of hungry people from attending the Lumberjack Breakfast held at the Menominee Logging Camp Museum. There were nearly 300 people who attended the annual Lumberjack Breakfast & Natural Forest Products Workshop. This was a great turnout considering the weather, it was very cold & misty, rain mixed with sleet and periods of small snow showers throughout the day. There was also the funeral, at the same time for Mrs. Sarah Skubitz. The Historic Preservation Department discussed

canceling the event out of respect for Sarah. We came to the conclusion that she would have wanted us to continue, given that she attended so many of our events at the Menominee Logging Camp Museum & Historic Preservation Department and thoroughly enjoyed them. This department will surely miss her and all of her hard work, dedication and support for the Historic Preservation Department and the department's Menominee Language Program.

Volunteers and staff began arriving at the Menominee Logging Camp Museum at 5:00 a.m. They started the fire in the bunkhouse's wood stove and made fire in the cast iron cook stove in the cook shanty. The cooking soon

began with a full lumberjack menu, 50 lbs of bacon, 65 lbs of sausages, 70 lbs of potatoes, and 268 eggs were fried. Over 500 pancakes were flipped along with 10 loaves of bread for toast, 6 lbs of coffee, a case of tea, 10 gallons of juice and apple cider, 2 gallons of syrup and 3 quarts of maple syrup. What's a pancake without pure maple syrup to top it off? The maple syrup was graciously donated by **Joyce Brunette** of South Branch. There is no way the Historic Preservation Department could hold an event of this size alone.

What made the Lumberjack Breakfast and Natural Forest Products Workshop a success?

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